

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 148 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species 1 of the invention as set forth in claims 1-35, 45-61, 73-79, 89-105, 117-129, and 141-148, illustrated in drawing Figs. 2A-2D.

Applicants consider claims 29-35, 73-79, 117-120, and 141-148 to be generic, and note that upon allowance of independent generic claims 29, 73, and 117, claims 36-44, 62-72, 80-88, 106-116, and 130-140 depending therefrom in a non-elected species would also be allowable.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

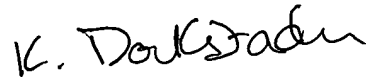
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on September 24, 2003, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 1-35, 45-61, 73-79, 89-105, 117-129, and 141-148.

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